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ISTEP+

End-of-Course Assessments

Pretest Workshop



Agenda

- Operational ISTEP+
 - Algebra I
 - English 10
 - Biology I
- Security
- STN STN STN!
- Book II
- Materials Return and Controls
- Return of Results
 - Online Reporting
- LEP
- Spring Window April 26-June 9
- Questions & Answers



What's New/Different/Unique?

- Practice Tests
- Testing times
- Book II
- Accommodations – dramatically updated!
 - *Appendix C in ISTEP+ Program Manual* on web
 - Matrix I – 4; strategies / accommodations
 - Use on a regular basis in classroom / documentation



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Testing Windows

Spring

- April 26 – June 9
 - Schools select dates within this larger window

Summer

- June 23 – August 4
 - Online testing only



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Spring ISTEP+ ECA Calendar

Spring Testing

- Apr. 16 – Test Materials Delivery
 - Tests
 - Barcode Labels
 - Examiner's Manuals
 - Test Coordinator's Manual
- May 3 – Last day to report shortages
 - <https://in-servicepoint.questarai.com/Login.aspx>



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Operational ISTEP+ ECAs

Algebra I, English 10 and Biology I

- One student test booklet per subject
- What if two books are used – call Questar
 - **Avoid Undetermined test results!**
- All ISTEP+ Assessments
 - Same rules apply
 - Who participates, accommodations, security
 - Results WILL have consequences for students, schools, and corporations
 - Remediation, AYP, PL 221



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Operational ISTEP+ ECAs (Continued)

- Large Print & Braille shipped directly to CTC
 - Know how they are to be processed
 - See Appendices in TCM
 - Non-Standard Responses (NSR) use pastel paper (“computer generated”)
 - Insert in front of back cover (p. 44 TCM)
 - Documentation



Operational ISTEP+ ECAs (Continued)

- Student Information Questionnaire (SIQ)
 - #1 Is this student approved for F/R meals
 - #2 (IEP) and #3 (exceptionality) are linked
 - #4 Is this student served by a 504 plan
 - #5 Is this student identified as LEP
 - #6 Accommodations
 - **Matrix 3 Accommodations = “Yes”**




Security - Top Ten List

- Communicate
 - Security, ethical practices, consequences
- Deliver tests to schools appropriately
- Access to tests
 - Examiner's manuals early – NOT tests, set a date when boxes can be opened
 - Unannounced security audits
- Secure documents during the test
 - Where will tests be stored



Security - Top Ten List

- Cell phones 
- Review and approve materials used to prepare students for ISTEP+
- Provide a way to report concerns
- Establish process to investigate
 - Irregularity/concern/complaint
- Insure the rights of those involved

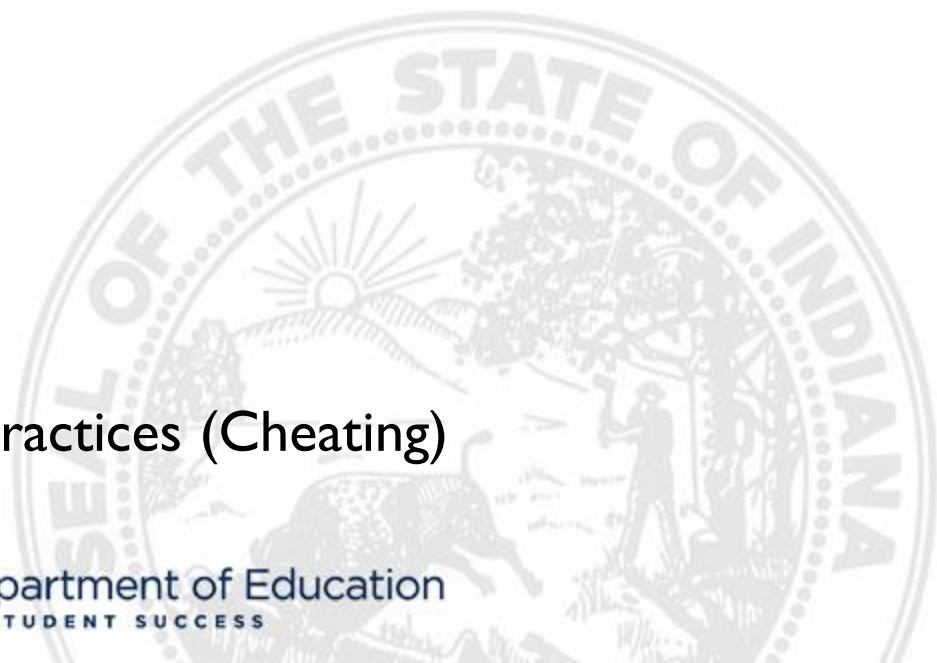


What if...

- If in doubt about ECA issues call Cheryl Hustedt (317-234-4231)
 - There are a number of events that can occur, and time is always of the essence!
 - Test Material Issues
 - Test Irregularities
 - Student Cheating
 - Student Illness
 - Interruption to Testing
 - Exposure of Items
 - Acts of Nature
 - Inappropriate Testing Practices (Cheating)



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Student Test Number (STN)

- Every test **MUST** have an STN
- **STN is critical for tracking results**
 - Undetermined and AYP concerns
 - If you do not have a barcode label, **bubble!**
 - One STN per student (stays with student)
 - You will be required to supply missing STNs
 - Used to calculate participation rate
- **Every Undetermined score will count as a “Not Participating” student**
- Schools must account for every student not tested—keep records now!



Barcode Labels

- Students' names **MUST** also be on the tests
written in the students' own handwriting!
- Review Student Barcode Information in TCM p. 20
 - Not all data is on label, see the roster
 - Bubble for all “new” students missing labels
 - Use **ONLY** labels for the Spring 2010 administration
 - Destroy all unused labels

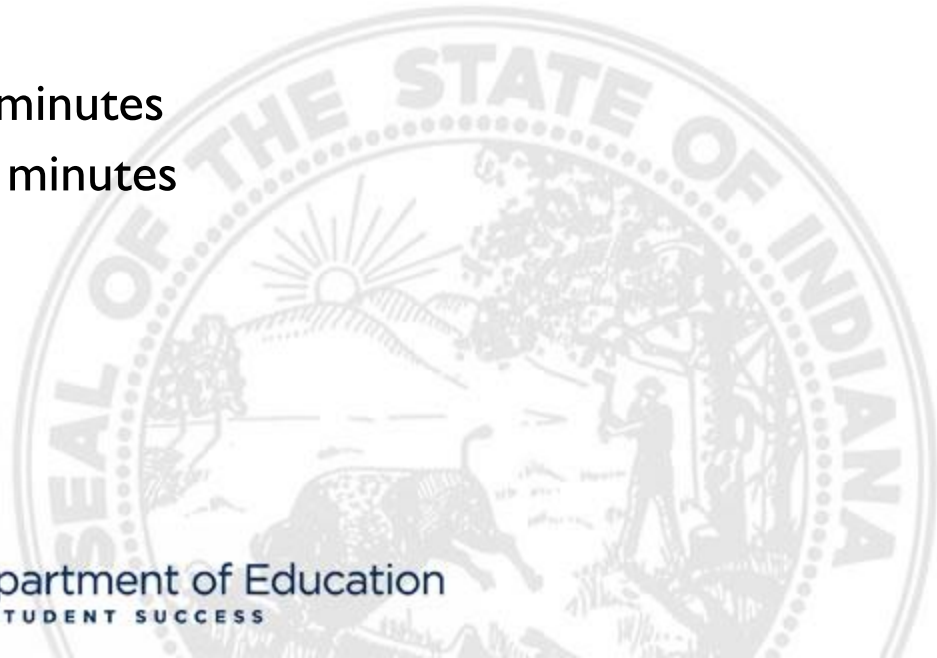


Book II

- Book II Forms
 - Separate document for selected schools
 - Notification via email in early February
 - Timing information
 - English I0
 - Multiple-choice – 40 minutes
 - Writing prompt – 55 minutes
 - Biology I
 - 55 minutes



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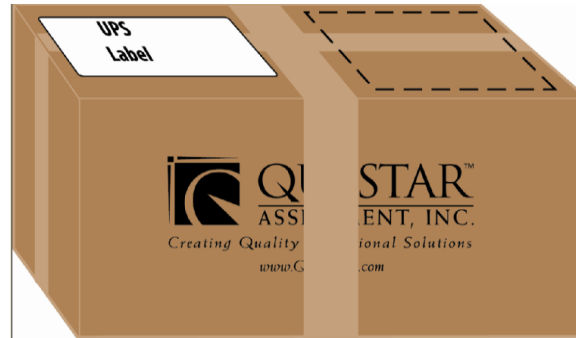


Materials Return and Controls

- It is much more than just placing materials into boxes!
- SAVE YOUR BOXES!!
- Read directions!
- Top Ten List – p. 36
- How will you account for every test document?
 - All student test documents must be returned
- Teacher names must match on GIS & S/GL
- All counts must match **(GIS, S/GL, actual documents)**
- Unique Barcode Shipping Labels (yours alone)



Packing & Shipping



- Use Questar boxes to return tests
- Place all scoring-related documents in Box I
 - School/Group List
 - Grand Totals Sheet
 - Corporation ID Sheet
 - Please read directions, TCM p. 24



Online Reports

- Interim Reports for Algebra I and English 10
- Final Reports for Biology I
 - 1 paper copy of Student Report and Label
- All Reports Online – Available 24/7
 - Initial release – May 21
 - After May 21
 - ✓ Online – 24 hours after testing is declared complete for school
 - ✓ Paper – 7 days after Questar receives materials
- Corporation and School Levels
- FERPA data! (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)
 - Corporation control
- **Teacher Access**
 - **Determined by GIS for paper/pencil**
 - **Determined by information contained in barcode file for online**



ISTAR – Students with Disabilities

- Approved **Alternate** Assessment
- ISTEP+ or ISTAR
 - All students must participate in assessment - IEP decision to use ISTAR
 - Referenced to Indiana Standards; will NOT lead to diploma
 - Not an event – continuous; March 1 – April 30 window
 - Requires use of STN
 - Web-based – teacher ratings; has cut scores
 - Federal Regulation
 - Sets a 1% limit for corporations & state on students who can be “**proficient** on Alternate Standards” for AYP
 - **No limit** on number of students who can **participate** in ISTAR



LEP Students

- All LEP students **MUST** Take ISTEP+
 - Except those enrolled in US schools < 1 year
 - MAY substitute LAS Links for ISTEP+ E/LA (English 10)
 - Corporation decision!
 - <1 year will not count toward AYP
 - Enrolled after **March 1, 2009** to be <1
 - Must take Algebra I and Biology I
 - Additional accommodations offered (*Appendix C*)
 - All other LEP students count in AYP
 - And count for 2 years after exiting (FEP)



ISTEP+ InfoCenter Resources

- ISTEP+/ECA Blueprints
- Sample Items
 - Visit www.doe.in.gov/eca
- ISTEP+ Program Manual
 - Visit www.doe.in.gov/istep



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Contact Information

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 - ECA-specific phone: 317-234-4231
- Questar's ECA Help Desk: 877-424-0322
 - Fax: 866-688-0419
 - Email: ECAsupport@questarai.com
- ISTAR - Exceptional Learners: 317-232-0570
- LEP - Language Minority: 317-232-0555



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Questions?

Thank you for participating!



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